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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Docket No.: PNC-004

MERRIL et al.

Group Art Unit: 1616

Application No.: 09/835,537

Examiner: A. Pryor

Filed: April 16, 2001

Title: METHODS OF TREATING PRION DISEASE IN MAMMALS

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
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June 22, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 22, 2007, please reconsider the above-captioned application for allowance in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.